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The List



From a news release of the US Dept. of Education:

...The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) sent letters to 60 institutions of higher education warning them of potential enforcement actions if they do not fulfill their obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to protect Jewish students on campus, including uninterrupted access to campus facilities and educational opportunities...

Included on the list:

University of California Davis, University of California San Diego, University of California Santa Barbara, and University of California, Berkeley

Other California institutions included CSU-Sacramento, Pomona, Santa Monica College, Stanford, and USC.

The full release with all named institutions is at:

<https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/us-department-of-educations-office-civil-rights-sends-letters-60-universities-under-investigation-antisemitic-discrimination-and-harassment>.

UCLA is not listed, presumably because of the settlement last December with OCR:

<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2024/12/the-uc-deal-with-ocr-part-2-to-do-list.html>.

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Labels: CSU, diversity, politics, Pomona College, Stanford, UC-Berkeley, UC-Davis, UC-San Diego, UC-Santa Barbara, UCLA, USC

More Cuts



From the NY Times: The Trump Administration's abrupt withdrawal of \$400 million in federal funding from Columbia University cast a pall over at least nine other campuses worried they could be next. The schools, a mix that includes both public universities and Ivy League institutions, have been placed on an official administration list of schools the Department of Justice said may have failed to protect Jewish students and faculty...

Harvard University, whose former president Claudine Gay resigned last year following a bruising appearance before a House committee, is also on the list. So are George Washington University; Johns Hopkins University; New York University; Northwestern University; the University of California, Los Angeles; the University of California, Berkeley; the University of Minnesota; and the University of Southern California...

Full story at <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/08/us/columbia-trump-colleges-antisemitism.html>.

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Labels: Columbia, George Washington U, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern U, politics, U of Minnesota, UC-Berkeley, UCLA, USC

Someone will eventually get hurt

From the Bruin: A fire started on Roebling Avenue around 8:45 p.m. Saturday. The fire, which the Los Angeles Fire Department extinguished at 9:22 p.m., came hours after UCLA men's basketball's 27-point victory over the University of Southern California. Around 100 people

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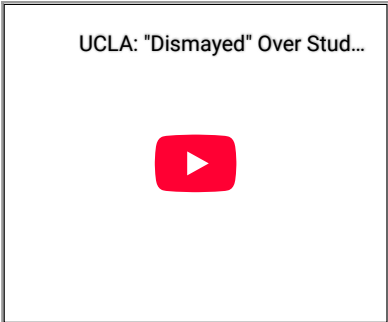
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stood around the fire, with some adding items to the flames, including a mattress, a vacuum, a chair and a Bird scooter. At least seven UCPD officers and four LAFD firefighters were at the scene as of 9:30 p.m. UCPD also blocked off the southwest end of Roebbling Avenue at Levering Avenue... Fires on the street have been occurring for several years, with no consistent pattern. However, the fires often follow victories by UCLA Athletics.

Full story at <https://dailybruin.com/2025/03/08/fire-on-roebbling-avenue-extinguished-following-ucla-mens-basketball-win>.

It has happened before, so nobody will be able to say they were surprised when someone gets hurt:



Or direct to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j06bLDYzyGc>.

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Monday, March 10, 2025

Email from chancellor on antisemitism



From an email being circulated. At the time of this posting, it hadn't been received universally. But here is the text and a link:

Dear Bruin Community:

After the announcement of my appointment as UCLA's chancellor last June — and before I officially started in January — there was a transition period during which I visited our campus every month, met with members of our Bruin community and began immersing myself in the life of this university. I learned a great deal about our community's hopes and aspirations. Throughout these conversations, I heard one point time and time again: We must double down on the efforts to combat antisemitism in our Bruin community.

Antisemitism has a distinct and troubling history, characterized by its persistence across time and space, its adaptability to different contexts and its horrific expression in the Holocaust. Antisemitism not only threatens Jewish communities; it also corrodes the bonds of mutual respect that safeguard the dignity — and ensure the safety — of all members of a society. Addressing antisemitism in its unique forms is therefore an essential

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requirement if we are to make progress toward our broader commitment to combat hatred and injustice in all its manifestations.

Antisemitism has no place in our society — and no place at UCLA. It threatens the mission of academia and is antithetical to the values that define the very essence of a university. Everyone deserves the right to learn, teach, work and live in a community that is free from discrimination and bigotry. With honest reflection, it is clear that while we have made progress in addressing antisemitism, we have more to do in our shared goal of eradicating it in its entirety.

To this end, I am announcing an **Initiative to Combat Antisemitism** that will mobilize our broad community and propel our efforts in this area. Distinguished Professor **Stuart Gabriel** of the UCLA Anderson School of Management will lead an action group that will bring together members of our Bruin community and civic leaders from diverse backgrounds, faiths and perspectives. This will be a standing initiative — reporting directly to me — and will have the support it requires to achieve our goals.

Through this initiative, UCLA will implement recommendations of the Task Force to Combat Antisemitism and Anti-Israeli Bias, which was chaired by Professor Gabriel. These recommendations include: enhancing relevant training and education, improving the complaint system, assuring enforcement of current and new laws and policies, and cooperating with stakeholders. I want to thank the members of the Task Force for their valuable work. And I want to thank Professor Gabriel for agreeing to take the next step, translating recommendations into action.

In the coming months, we will launch other initiatives across UCLA to move us from polarization to pluralism.

UCLA is at an inflection point. Building on past efforts and lessons, we must now push ourselves to extinguish antisemitism, completely and definitively. The principles on which UCLA was founded — and which we continue to advance — point us toward a clear course of action: We must persevere in our fight to end hate, however it manifests itself. This is an opportunity for UCLA to rise to the challenge of being an exemplary university.

Let's work together, stay connected and remember: We are One UCLA.

Julio Frenk
Chancellor

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Scrambling for pennies

President Trump wants to discontinue the penny. But Newsom & Co. are looking for any pennies they can find in the latest budget proposal. In particular, the governor is proposing a change in the way the state's corporate tax is calculated for certain financial institutions. The change would produce an estimated extra \$300+ million in revenue. That may not seem like pennies to you. But given the magnitude of the state budget, he is fishing for coins in the cracks between the couch cushions.

From an email by Jason Sisney of the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO):

"Apportionment" is how multistate and multinational businesses allocate corporate income to specific states for state tax purposes.



The Governor's January 10 budget plan proposes to switch specified financial institutions to the "single sales factor" method of corporate tax apportionment.

This proposal (on the administration's trailer bill website here) is keyed a two-thirds vote by Legislative Counsel, as it would result in some taxpayers paying a higher tax. (This means that it would need to be passed in bills receiving 54 aye votes in the Assembly and 27 aye votes in the Senate.) As the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) noted in its analysis, "some firms would pay and more and some pay less, but [a] net revenue increase [is] expected" from the proposal.

LAO notes administration estimates that the proposal would increase annual state General Fund revenues: by a net \$330 million in 2025-26, declining slightly to \$270 million by 2028-29. Net increases in General Fund revenues also generally increase annual school funding requirements under Proposition 98...

What does all of this mean for UC? Well, UC wouldn't mind getting some of the \$300 million. On the other hand, the fact that the governor is poking around looking for pennies is a sign of budget distress.

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Online Retirement Programs Today



Guide to UC Retirement System:

Today at noon: Register at:

https://fmr.zoom.us/join/register/WN_opeU0SzqROSWi-odgScJxw#/registration

Today at 5 PM: Register at:

https://fmr.zoom.us/join/register/WN_1zP2Qrn-S6eLMvLrbbD_A#/registration

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

You probably didn't forget, but just in case...



Today is the first day of daylight saving time. You didn't forget to change your clocks, of course. Or did you?

As usual, not everyone is happy about saving daylight and by advancing their clocks by one hour and it becomes a brief controversy that settles down until the next clock change.*

We, too, pile on with a learned lecture from back in winter quarter

2022 when yours truly made a presentation to his class about time and time changes (and when UCLA still required masks indoors as the video shows):

<https://archive.org/details/mitchell-time-edited>.

The more the clock changes, the more the debate over clock changing stays the same.

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*<https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/trump-daylight-savings-time-change-march-2025>; <https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/5175941-daylight-saving-time-government-efficiency-dogel/>; <https://news.gallup.com/poll/657584/half-daylight-saving-time-sunsetted.aspx>; <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2025/03/06/cancel-daylight-saving-time-elon-musk-stirs-debate/81757328007/>.

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